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1. COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS OUT OF BEIRUT STILL INTERRUPTED.
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FOR URGENT RELAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT (AP) - GUNS LEBANONS CIVIL WAR ROARED TUESDAY AS ANOTHER
ARAB LEAGUE PEACEMAKING EFFORT COLLAPSED PARA RIGHTWING CHRISTIAN
FORCES MOUNTED STRONG COUNTERATTACK BEATBACK SURPRISE THRUST BY
PALESTINIAN ET THEIR MOSLEM LEFTIST ALLIES INTO NORTHERN EDGE OF
ENCIRCLED CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE PARA SPOKESMAN FOR PHALANGE PARTY WHICH
LARGETST CHRISTIAN MILITIA IN FIFTEENMONTH WAR CLAIMED TWO VILLAGES
TAKEN BY PALLEFTIST FORCES MONDAY IN NEWFRONT FORTYTWO MILES NORTH
BEIRUT HAVE BEEN RECAPTURED PARA QUOTE WE REGAINED CONTROL HAMAT
COMMA MAJOR ARTILLERY POSITION ETSALATA ADJACENT INDUSTRIAL COMPOUND
UNQUOTE SPOKESMAN SAID REQUOTE SAVAGE FIGHTING RAGING WPN
INVADING GUERRILLAS AROUND CHEKKA UNQUOTE PARA GUERRILLAS TOOK
CHEKKA TWON IMPORTANT DEEP WATER BAY ON MEDITERRANEAN COAST HOUSING
LEBANONS LARGEST CEMENT FACTORY IN SUDDEN SEABORNE ATTACK PARA
SPOKESMAN FOR JOINT CENTRAL COMMAND GUERRILLAS ET THEIR LEFTIST
ALLIES SAID FIVE OTHER SMALL VILLAGES IN AREA INCLUDING HAMAT
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ETSALATA ALSO OVERRUN PARA NEWSMAN NEAR FRONT SAID CHRISTIAN

REINFORCEMENTS IN HUNDREDS SEEN HEADED NORTH THROUGH BATROUN
SIXMILES SOUTH CHEKKA PARA SAID CHRISTIANS IN TRUCKS ETBUSES
ACCOMPANIED JEEPS MOUNTED WITH ANTITANK GUNS PARA GUERRILLA
COMMAND SAID CHEKKA RAID DESIGNED AS COUNTERBLOW FOR TWOWEEK
CHRISTIAN ASSAULT TO OVERRUN TALZAATAR PALCAMP IN CHRSTIANHELD
EAST BEIRUT PARA TALZAATAR CHRISTIANS CLAIM WAS STRONGHOLD RADICAL
GUERRILLAS ETLEBANESE REVOLUTIONARIES NOW QUOTE INDEATH AGONY. ITS
LITERALLY FINISHED UNQUOTE PHALANGE SPOKESMAN SAID PARA WESTERN
NEWSMAN EDGE OF CAMP SAID DEFENDERS HEAVILY SHELLED CAMP NO LONGER
FIRING BACK WITH MORTARS OR ANTIAIRCRAFT WEAPONS WHICH ONCE SETUP
ONHILL AROUND CAMP DRIVEOFF ISRAELI AIRRAIDS PARA QUOTE THEIR
RESISTANCE FIZZLING OUT UNQUOTE PHALANGE SPOKESMAN SAID REQUOTE
THEY FIGHTINGBACK ONLY WITH SPORADIC VOLLEYS AUTOMATIC LIGHTWEAPON
FIRE UNQUOTE PARA GUERRILLAS CLAIMED DEFENDERS ESTIMATED ATTIME
NUMBER TWELVE HUNDRED REPULSED FORTYSEVENTH ASSAULT CAPTURE
ENTIRE AREA DURING NIGHT PARA MOREN THREEHUNDRED WOUNDED WITHOUT
MEDICAL TREATMENT BELIEVED SUFFERING UNDERGOUND FIRST AID BUNKERS
WITH UNKOWN CIVILIAN REFUGEES STOP ATTEMPS BY INTERNATIONAL RED
CROSS ARRANGE CEASEFIRE LONG ENOUGH EVACUATE WOUNDED FAILED. NASSAR
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